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DIARY NOTES

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17 March 1960 25X1A

1. I spent considerable time in discussions with the Development Projects Division people, Dick Bissell and General Cabell concerning a letter to [REDACTED] 25X1A9a having to do with the budgetary aspects of Project [REDACTED] 25X1A2d1 The letter is being re-drafted by DPD in accordance with my suggestions. In discussing this with General Cabell, aside from the letter itself, I expressed my concern that neither DPD nor Dick Bissell seemed to know how much this Project was going to cost and whether we had money in our budget to cover it. I emphasized to all concerned that if we were going to have to go to the Reserve, which seemed very likely, we should do so before rather than after the fact, especially in view of their negative attitude toward this Project. General Cabell agreed that we should avoid anything which could be alleged to be a breach of faith. However, he also told me that the President had been briefed today on this whole Project and had given his approval; therefore, it would appear that we should have no trouble obtaining the necessary release from the Reserve. In this connection he said that the Director had also told the President that the cost of "5412 Operations" was likely to increase substantially. Maurice Stans, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, was present when the Director briefed the President on these matters and did not raise any objection.

2. General Cabell returned all of the papers assembled by [REDACTED] on 25X1A9a "emergency planning" to me and requested that inasmuch as emergency planning was a DD/S responsibility that I come up with a new paper proposing action in this field. He was clear in indicating that he did not wish to restrict me in any way as to what my paper should say; i.e., I could adopt the [REDACTED] views or submit views of my own. In any 25X1A9a case, he felt that it was my responsibility to present such a paper.

3. John Tietjen buzzed me to see if there had been any developments in connection with his suggestion that he or one of his doctors accompany the President to the USSR. I told him that I had not mentioned this to the Director and suggested that he do so when he sees the Director with [REDACTED] sometime soon.

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4. I had lunch with [REDACTED] He was somewhat concerned about a recent statement which Matt Baird made to him to the effect that he was [REDACTED] 25X1A in name only." I told Bob that I had no knowledge of any such thinking on Matt's part, but that he had discussed with me, on several occasions, the possibility of having [REDACTED], including Training. I also told him I agreed that this would probably be preferable if we could ever find the right man for this job. Bob agreed that this would probably be better but felt quite strongly that if such a change were made while he was there that he should not remain inasmuch as it would be embarrassing to him personally to be "downgraded" and

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also because he felt that if the outside liaison and other responsibilities were taken away from him we did not need a grade GS-15 in that position. Bob again expressed his desire to go overseas and told me that [REDACTED] had at one time said that he would like very much to have him overseas at his station if that could be arranged.

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